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2 **TOWN OF NORTH HAMPTON, NEW HAMPSHIRE**
3 **MUNICIPAL BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING**
4 **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

5 **April 17, 2023 6:30 PM**

6 **NORTH HAMPTON TOWN HALL**

7 ***DRAFT MINUTES***

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9 MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Rick Stanton, Vice-Chairman Tom von Jess, Larry Miller, Lisa Gallagher,
10 Select Board Rep James Sununu

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12 EXCUSED: Sean Dionne, Little Boar's Head Rep Brian Goode, School Board Rep Lisa Gagalis
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15 Acting Chairman Rick Stanton welcomed everyone to the April 17, 2023 North Hampton Municipal Budget
16 Committee Meeting and called the meeting to order at 6:33 pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.
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18 **OLD BUSINESS** - None
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20 **NEW BUSINESS**

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22 **Confirm Member Appointments by Select Board, LBH, and NHS**

23 Acting Chairman Stanton confirmed James Sununu as Select Board Rep, Brian Goode as LBH Rep, and Lisa
24 Gagalis as School Board Rep, but a Budget Committee Rep to CIP needed to be appointed.
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26 **Economic Update Discussion**

27 Chairman Stanton said Selectman James Sununu will update his Economic Presentation from last year at
28 the next Budget Committee Meeting on May 15th, 2023.
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30 **Elect Chairperson**

31 Selectman Sununu **nominated** Rick Stanton to serve another year as Chair; Lisa Gallagher **nominated** Sean
32 Dionne as it was his last year.

33 Mr. Stanton received 4 votes and Mr. Dionne received one vote.

34 *Mr. Rick Stanton was elected as Chairman of the Municipal Budget Committee.*
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36 **Elect Vice-Chairman**

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37 Chairman Stanton **nominated** Tom von Jess as Vice-Chair; **seconded** by Selectman Sununu; **approved** by
38 a vote of 5-0.

39 *Tom von Jess was elected Vice-Chair of the Municipal Budget Committee.*

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41 **Appoint Budget Committee Rep to CIP**

42 Selectman Sununu **nominated** Sean Dionne as Budget Committee Rep to the CIP Committee; **approved**
43 by a vote of 5-0.

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45 **Appoint At-Large Member Rep to CIP**

46 Cliff Jones was already elected to a 3-year term.

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48 **Filling Vacancies**

49 Chairman Stanton said the Committee can either use people who signed up for the Budget Committee or
50 go through the process of advertising in Friday Folders and reviewing submissions for the position. The
51 Budget Committee felt they should follow the usual process of advertising and then consider names
52 submitted to open the field up. Vice-Chair von Jess said it was better to keep it open and maintain
53 transparency.

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55 **Discuss/Amend/Approve Proposed Schedule**

56 Chairman Stanton said he put together the schedule from last year and put the Town to go first as it makes
57 more sense. Vice-Chair von Jess said the School would be happy to have the extra time. He also corrected
58 2 dates on the Schedule: November 7th was corrected to Monday, November 6th, and November 15th
59 corrected to Thursday, November 16th.

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61 **Library Budget**

62 Chairman Stanton said last year was the first year the Library was authorized to submit their own Budget.
63 They will submit their Budget to us and then give it to the town to put in as a line-item on the Town
64 Budget. He said the Town is required by statute to fund the Library Budget, which the Budget Committee
65 reviews to make sure it is reasonable and has the last word.

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67 Vice-Chair von Jess asked about the process/format of the Library Budget which makes it hard to align
68 things. Chairman Stanton said the Library learned last year with some help from Finance Director Ryan
69 Cornwell and will only need to update their budget for the new fiscal year.

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71 **ANY OTHER ITEM THAT MAY LEGALLY COME BEFORE THE COMMITTEE**

72 Ms. Gallagher asked how much time was left on George Chauncey's term when he is replaced. Chairman
73 Stanton said he had one year left to serve on the Budget Committee.

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75 **PERIOD OF PUBLIC COMMENT**

76 There were no public comments.

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78 **Next Budget Committee Meeting:** May 15, 2023

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80 **ADJOURNMENT**

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82 **Motion:** Selectman Sununu made a motion to adjourn the meeting, **seconded** by Vice-Chair von Jess, all
83 in favor 5-0.

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- 85 Chairman Stanton adjourned the Municipal Budget Committee Meeting at 6:50 pm.
- 86 Respectfully submitted,
- 87 Patricia Denmark, Recording Secretary

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